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Applicant(s): TAKEDA, et al.

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HAVING ORIGINAL FLOW SCANNING FUNCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants concurrently file herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.